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SCHEME FOR POPULATION STABILISATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for population stabilization in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether funds have been allocated by the World Bank for implementation of such schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) Population stabilization is one of the objectives of National Rural Health Mission(NRHM). The approach of Government is to provide quality health services in remote rural areas along with a wide range of contraceptive choices to meet the unmet demands for reproductive health services which includes delivery, safe abortions, treatment of reproductive tract infections and Family Planning Services.The NRHM also includes the second phase of Reproductive and Child Health Programme (RCH-II), which intends to improve the performance of family welfare programme by reducing total fertility rate, maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. RCH-II aims at providing need based, client centered, demand driven, high quality services to the beneficiaries with a view to enhancing the quality of reproductive life of the population enabling the country to achieve the goals and objective envisaged in National Population Policy 2000.

(c)&(d) In support of the implementation of RCH-II, World Bank has approved financial aid of about 360 million US Dollars.